IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

October 22, 2008

Mail Stop: Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the abovereferenced patent application (hereinafter "Applicant") submits this Response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed July 22, 2008 for the above-referenced application (hereinafter, "Subject Application"), having a shortened three-month period to respond which expires on October 22, 2008. Applicant submits the following remarks.

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